

Selection of Study Projects for 1960-61

On February 3, 1960, a letter of explanation about the selection of study projects and a copy of the criteria established by the State Advisory Committee were mailed to all Illinois School Districts. Requests for application instructions were received from 115 districts, and 25 completed applications were submitted.

The State Advisory Committee met on April 1 and 2 to consider the applications. Each application was analyzed in terms of the criteria listed below:

Significance

1. Specific Applicability to House Bill 58
2. Uniqueness
3. General Applicability

Design of the Study

4. Clarity of Purpose
5. Knowledge of Related Experimentation
6. and 7. Development of Appropriate Procedures

Operational Promise

8. and 9. Facilities and Local Support
10. Personnel

Because several members of the Committee were directly or indirectly involved in the preparation of some of the applications, the Advisory Committee adopted a set of procedures which provided for complete disassociation from the consideration of any application on the part of a Committee member who was involved in the preparation and submission of the application.

All applications were accepted and assigned either to Category I -- with direct reimbursement or Category II -- cooperative relationship with the Special Study Project for Gifted Children without direct reimbursement. All the funds available for reimbursement were committed to the study projects in Category I, subject to the rules of the Office of Public Instruction for reimbursement. A portion of the funds available for administrative expenses of House Bill 58 was set aside for consultative service to study projects in both Category I and Category II. The State Advisory Committee was pleased by the interest shown by school districts in applying for study projects, and by the variety and potential significance of the proposed studies.